

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2012

A Special Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Acting Chairman James J. Eardley at 4:00 pm on January 26, 2012, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Commissioner James J. Eardley, Commissioner Dennis Drake, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, County Administrator Dean Cox, and Deputy County Clerk Christine Hall.

Commission Chairman Alan D. Gardner was excused, as he is out of town on County business.

Chairman Drake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Eardley recognized the attendance of Boy Scouts representing Troop 1890, who were pursuing their Citizenship in the Community badge.

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2012-1015-O, AN ORDINANCE DEFINING AND DESIGNATING THE BOUNDARIES OF ELECTION PRECINCTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH; INCLUDING THE ELECTION PRECINCTS OF THE UTAH STATE SENATE DISTRICTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH; UTAH STATE HOUSE DISTRICTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH; AND THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH

Washington County Clerk-Auditor Kim M. Hafen explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to reflect the changes in the 2010 Census by shifting precinct boundaries. District 62 is a new district and in the next election, there will be a fourth (4th) representative in the Utah House of Representatives from Washington County's District 62. Casey Anderson from the Cedar City area has taken over representation of District 28 from the late Sen. Dennis Stowell.

In 2011 there were ninety-five (95) precincts, of which seventeen (17) were mail-in-ballot precincts. In 2012, there will be one hundred and four (104) precincts, mostly accounted for by population growth. Additionally, some precincts have been renamed to more accurately describe their geographic location. Some of the lower-density precincts will eventually be incorporated into larger ones.

The Clerk-Auditor's Office has worked with the School Board on its boundaries, as well. The School Board wants to wait until the next election has occurred before making

changes to its district boundaries and will work in conjunction with the Clerk-Auditor's Office on that process.

Mr. Hafen said that the Clerk-Auditor's Office has maps available for anyone who wishes to view the proposed precinct boundaries. If approved by the Commission, the maps will be available on the County website, as well.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Ordinance No. 2012-1015-O, An Ordinance Defining And Designating The Boundaries Of Election Precincts In Washington County, State Of Utah; Including The Election Precincts Of The Utah State Senate Districts In Washington County, State Of Utah; Utah State House Districts In Washington County, State Of Utah; And The Local School Board Districts In Washington County, State Of Utah; And Repealing All Ordinances In Conflict Therewith. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley and Drake voting aye.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

CHRISTINE S. HALL
DEPUTY CLERK

JAMES J. EARDLEY
ACTING CHAIRMAN